Evasion of Customs Duty by Pan Am Airways

1041. SHRI J. P. GOYAL : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the New Delhi office of M/s Pan Am Airways has been charged with under-valuing consumables and stores imported by them for use in India in order to evade payment of customs duty;

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard;

(c) the extent to which the duty has been evaded by M/s Pan Am Airways during the last three years; and

(d) What action has been taken against them for evading customs duty and what steps have been taken to recover the amount of duty so evaded along with the penalty imposed ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EXPENDITURE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI B K. GADHVI) : (a) to (d) A show-cause notice has been issued, among others, to M/s Pan Am Cargo, Indira Gandhi International Airport, New Delhi for alleged evasion of customs duty amounting to Rs. 29.61 lakhs for imports affected by them during 1982 to June, 1987 and for their alleged liability to penalty under the Customs Act, 1962. M/s Pan Am Cargo have deposited the duty amount of Rs. 29.61 lakhs before receipt of the show-cause notice. The case is under adjudication.

Indian Trade Fairs Abroad

1042. SHRI J. P. GOYAL : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) the names of countries where Indian trade fairs have been organised during the last three years;

(b) the extent to which these trade fairs have been helpful in boosting exports from India;

(c) the export orders obtained in each of these fairs;

(d) the total amount spent on organising these trade fairs abroad;

(e) the number of officials of the Ministry and the Trade Fair Authority of India sent abroad during the last three years in connection with organising these trade fairs and the amount spent on their visits; and

(f) whether Government are reviewing their policy of organising Indian trade fairs in foreign countries ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. R. DAS MUNSHI) : (a) During the last three years, *i.e.* 1984-85 to 1986-87, the Trade Fair Authority of India have organised Indian exhibitions in Mauritius, USSR, Nepal, France, Qatar, Kenya, Canada, Oman, Bangladesh and Burma.

(b) to (e) The prime objectives of holding exhibitions abroad are to project India's industrial and commercial capabilities, to explore business opportunities and possibilities of mutual cooperation for trade promotion. It is difficult to quantify the share of fairs and exhibitions in India's foreign trade because fairs and exhibitions constitute only one of the several modes of trade promotion However, an indication of the success of the Indian exhibitions organised abroad can be had from the figures of business booked in these exhibitions given in the statement attached. (*See* below). The information regarding expenditure incurred on these fairs, number of officials deputed from TFAI for these exhibitions and the amount spent on their deputation is also given in the statement attached. (*See* below).

(f) Government will continue to organise Indian exhibitions wherever necessary and desirable.

Statement

Details of business booked, officials deputed by TFAI and expenditure incurred in Indian Exhibitions organised during last three years

S No.	Particulars of Exhibition	Business booked (Rs. in lakhs)	Expenditure on the event (Rs. in lakhs)	No. of officials deputed by TFAI	Expenditure on deputation of TFAI's officials. (Rs in lakhs)
1	2	3	4	5	6
		1984-85			
1	Indian Exhibition, Mauritius, Oct. '84	74·97	16·57	6	3·96
2	Indian Exhibition, Moscow, August—Sept., 1984.	9844·00	311·83	21	17·86
		1985-06			
1.	Indian Exhibition, Kathmandu (Nepal), April, 1985.	36 00	59 46	8	3 95
2.	Indian Exhibition, Paris (France), December, 1985.	106·14	114 28	8	6 87
3.	Indian Exhibition, Doha (Qatar), February, 1986.	23 00	19 05	5	3 96
4.	Indian Exhibition, Nairobi (Kenya), March, 1986.	70 27	34 35	6	4 59
5.	Indian Textile Exhibition, Toronto (Canada), March, 1986.	180 55	9·08	3	2 12
		1986-87			
1.	Indian Exhibition, Muscat (Oman), April, 1986.	930 00	45 34	5	3 83
2.	Indian Exhibition, Mauritius, October, 1986.	85 50	34 79	5	4 17

1	2	3	4	5	6
3.	Indian Exhibition, Dhaka (Bangladesh), November, 1986	2410 00	75 76	6	4 94
4.	Indian Exhibition, Rangoon (Burma), December, 1986	1200 00	33 46	6	3 89
5.	Indian Exhibition, Moscow (USSR), February-March '87.	4000 00	150 79	11	7 84

No official was deputed from the Ministry for organising the exhibitions mentioned above

Objections raised by the All India Bank Officers' Confederation in Holding Loan Melas in Tripura

1043. SHRI RAMNARAYAN GOSWAMI :

SHRI NARAYAN KAR

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the All India Bank Officers' Confederation has raised objections and also doubted that adequate scope would not be given to banks for adherence to all lending norms and procedures issued by the Reserve Bank and the industrial bank management in holding loan melas to be conducted in Tripura before State elections in the State; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard and the remedial measures taken ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI) . (a) and (b) The All India Bank Officers' Confederation has submitted a representation dated 2nd November '87 to the Chairman of United Bank of India, which is the convenor bank of the State Level Bankers Committee of Tripura. The main point mentioned in this representation is that owing to acute shortage of staff and officers in the bank branches in Tripura. it is not possible for them to complete the lending operations for a credit camp with in the stipulated period.

According to the report received from the United Bank of India no date has been fixed so far for conducting the Credit Camps.

Misappropriation of Provident Fund Amount by Jute Mill Owners

1044. SHRI RAMNARAYAN GOSWAMI .

SHRI NARAYAN KAR :

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state ·

(a) whether it is a fact that nonpayment of the employees' share of provident fund contributions after deducting the amount from their wages is an offence of misappropriation and also breach of trust in terms of the Indian Penal Code and liable for prosecution;

(b) if so, how many of the 32 jute barons against whom arrears of over Rs. 63 crores towards this fund have piled up have been prosecuted so far; and

(c) what are the reasons for not prosecuting the others ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P A. SANGMA) · (a) Yes, Sir.

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The details in this regard are being ascertained and will be placed the table of the House in due course.